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Overcoming difference through Muslim solidarity

When at the present moment talking about Islam in Russia, people may unconsciously associate the religion and the people who practice it as different from the mainstream and a potential threat to the social order. This kind of stereotyping is very unfortunate, as Islam contains elements that demonstrate a strong sense of awareness, understanding and empathy for others. In this presentation, I would like to discuss the concept of Muslim solidarity, which is often overlooked, as it requires a deeper knowledge of the religious tradition. As Muslim solidarity is not confined to fellow Muslims, I want to argue that it can be usefully employed in order to overcome boundaries between people.